GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Municipal Administration Dept. - Allegation of illegal allotment of land/sites in Sy.No.127 of Madhurawada, Ozone valley Phase-I & II and all other layouts developed by VUDA to various beneficiaries in violation of Govt. Rules – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri K.Lakshmi Narasimha Murthy, Administrative Officer, Estate Wing and fifteen (15) others - Dropping of further action against nine (9) retired officers, under Rule 9(2)(b)(ii) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 221 **Dated: 24-03-2025**

Read the following:-

1. From the D.G., G.A. (V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.44 (C.No.383/V&E/(D1)/2012, dated 17.04.2013.
2. G.O.Ms.Nos.99 to 106, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Dept., dated 20.07.2022.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.503 to 519, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Dept., dated 20.07.2022.
4. WSDs received from i) Sri R.S.Raja Kumar, former Estate Officer (Rtd.); ii) Sri M.Rama Rao, former Surveyor (Retired); iii) Sri P.Narasimha Rao, former Surveyor cum draughtsman (retired); iv) Sri D.Punnaiah, Architectural Draughtsman, VUDA; v) Smt.M.A.Manoranjani, the then Tahsildar, Estate Wing; vi) Sri S.Appala Raju, the then Junior Assistant; vii) Sri S.Bhaskar Reddy, the then Mandal Revenue Officer; viii) Sri K.Karuna Kumar, A.O. (retired); ix) Sri A.Jagadeesh, the then Secretary & Estate Officer (Rtd.); x) Sri P.Ramakrishna, Sr. Asst. (Retd.) and xi) Sri V.Chiranjeevi Raju, A.O. (retired), VUDA., Visakhapatnam.
5. Interim Orders of Hon'ble High Court in WP No.30896/2023 and its batch Nos., dt.29-11-2023 filed by Sri A.Jagadeesh, the then Secretary & Estate Officer (Rtd.) and three others.
6. Govt.Memo.No.18110/Vig.I/2013, dated 24.11.2022, & 13.12.2023.
7. From the Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA, Visakhapatnam, letter no.14025(32)/1/2023/A1(1973082), dated 16.12.2023.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General of Vigilance and Enforcement Dept. had submitted the report on the allegation of illegal allotment of land / sites in Sy.No.127 of Madhurawada, Ozone valley Phase-I&II and all other layouts developed by VUDA to various beneficiaries in violation of Government Rules; and recommended, among others, for initiation of disciplinary proceedings against the concerned authorities.

2. Government, after examination of the matter in detail, had initiated disciplinary action against the 16 (Sixteen) officials of the Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (VMRDA), by framing the Articles of Charges against them, under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991 with due sanction orders in respect of eight (8) retired officer, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 vide references 2nd and 3rd read above.

3. In the reference 4th read above, out of (16) charged officers, only eleven (11) charged officers have submitted their written statement of defence and requested the Government to drop further action against them.

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4. Whereas, the Hon'ble High Court, vide its orders dated:29.11.2023 in W.P.Nos.30876/2023, 30879/2023, 30896/2023 and 30898/2023 filed by Sri A. Jagadeesh, the then Estate Officer (Rtd.) and three (3) others, have passed the following judgement:

> "the impugned Proceedings bearing G.O.Ms.Nos.100,103,104 & 105 MA&UD (Vig.I) dept. dated:20.07.2022 and G.O.Rt.No.505, 508,512&515, MA&UD (Vig.I) dept. dated:20.07.2022 on the file of the Respondent No.1 (the Principal Secretary (MA&UD) Dept., Govt. of A.P) are suspended" and the matter is posted on 29.12.2023 for filing of Counter".

5. Government, after examination of the written statement of defence submitted by the charged officers, have observed that out of 16 charged officers of the case, (12) officials were retired from service. Further, the limitation period of four years was already elapsed for initiation of disciplinary proceedings against nine (9) officers, under Rule 9(2) (b)(2) of A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980. In respect of other three officers, charges were framed against two of them viz. Sri P.Pothuraju, the then Sub-Registrar and Sri P.Narasimha Rao, the then Surveyor cum Draughtsman, within the prescribed time limitation period, under Rule 9(2)(b) (ii) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980; and in respect of one officer namely Sri K.L.Narasimha Murhty A.O. (Retd), the Rule 9(2)(b)(2) of A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980 is not applicable though he was retired from service on 30.04.2014, as he was suspended while in service, on the allegation of allotment flats/land illegally in lieu of resuming the D-Patta land vide their Proceedding. No. R.c.No.5920/2013/A1, Dt.03.08.2013 of the Vice Chairman, VUDA, Visakhapatnam.

6. Therefore, Government, hereby decided to drop further action against the nine (9) retired officers, in compliance with the orders of Hon'ble High Court in the cases mentioned at para-4 supra and also under rule position prescribed under Rule 9(2)(b)(2) of A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980. Accordingly, Govt. hereby order to drop further action against the following (9) charged officers, under Rule 9(2)(b)(2) of A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980:

S.No.	Accused Officer	Date of Retirement
1	Sri A.Jagadeesh, the then Secretary and Estate Officer	31.12.2011
2	Sri K.Karuna Kumar, the then A.O	31.08.2010
3	Sri V.Chiranjeevi Raju, the then A.O	28.02.2010
4	Sri. P.Ramakrishna, the then Sr.Asst., Estate Wing	31.01.2017
5	Sri D.Punnaiah, the then Architectural Draughtsman	30.06.2010
6	Sri B.Pandu Naidu, the then Administrative Officer	30.06.2011
7	Sri R.S.Raja Kumar, Special Grade Deputy Collector and the then Estate Officer	30.04.2018
8	Sri M.Rama Rao, the then Surveyor	31.12.2016
9	Sri M.Appa Rao, the then Senior Assistant, S.R.O., Chodavaram	31.10.2010

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7. The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S SURESH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri A.Jagadeesh, the then Secretary and Estate Officer (Rtd.); through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur.
Sri K.Karuna Kumar, the then A.O (Rtd.); through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur.
Sri V.Chiranjeevi Raju, the then A.O (Retd.); through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur
Sri. P.Ramakrishna, the then Sr.Asst., Estate Wing; through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur.
Sri D.Punnaiah, the then Architectural Draughtsman (Rtd.); through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur.
Sri B.Pandu Naidu, the then Administrative Officer(Rtd.); through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur.
Sri R.S.Raja Kumar, Special Grade Deputy Collector and the then Estate Officer (Rtd.).through the CDMA, A.P., Guntur.
Sri M.Rama Rao, the then Surveyor (Rtd.); through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur.
Sri M.Appa Rao, the then Senior Assistant, S.R.O., Chodavaram (Rtd.); through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur.
The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, AP, Guntur.

Copy to:

The Commissioner, VMRDA, Visakhapatnam.
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A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The PS to Prl.Secy. to Govt. (MA&UD)
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SECTION OFFICER